COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Columbia salutes six for 112 years of service

SIX MEMBERS OF Columbia's faculty and administrative staff, representing more than a century of service, will leave the seminary by November.

Robert H. Ramey, professor of ministry, and F. Barry Davies, instructor in church music, retired from the faculty at the conclusion of the spring semester. Among the seminary's staff, registrar Elsie D. Urie, staff associate for pastoral care Ann A. Titshaw, the president's administrative assistant Peggy M. Rowland, and receptionist and switchboard operator Betty Beatty have announced their departures.

All began their careers at Columbia during the 1970s. While being interviewed during the summer, each noted the growth in the number of students and faculty as the most significant change during their service.

Mrs. Beatty, who began work as a receptionist in the development office in 1972, said she could not count the number of phone calls she directed each day to more than 80 extensions.

"If you wanted to talk to anybody in the seminary you had to talk to me first," she said. "It was rather hectic."

Dr. Ramey began teaching in 1979 after several pastorates. For him, change not only has affected the seminary, but the nature of ministry itself.

"Ministry is entering a new context today," he said, "whether you call it the 'Post-Constantinian Age' or something else. Something is happening in society. Culture will no longer prop us up."

Known as the "Silver Fox," Dr. Ramey has regularly taught courses in ministry and spiritual growth and been appreciated for his rapport with students. Columbia Seminary Press recently published his book, *Growing Church Leaders: New Skills for New Tasks*. In October, Abingdon Press will publish *The Pastor's Start-Up Manual*, his guide for new pastors and those transferring to new congregations.

"I learned that kindness is better than being right, gentleness better than correctness," wrote Mark P. Clark, an attorney and former Ramey student in Wimberley, Texas. He was one of hundreds of former students and colleagues to write tributes. "I am the better for having known you. And the seminary was the better for having had you on its faculty."

Dr. Ramey will continue teaching in the fall as a visiting professor and, during his semi-retirement, will preach and continue his hobbies: running, playing tennis, and cheering for the Atlanta Braves.

Front row, l-r: Peggy Rowland and Elsie Urie; back row, l-r: Bob Ramey, Betty Beatty, Ann Titshaw, and Barry Davies

Dr. Davies plans to stay active as parish associate and director of educational ministries at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Stone Mountain.

He began his tenure as organist at Columbia upon enrolling as a Master of Divinity student in 1979. Since then, he has played at almost every chapel service and directed the choir in numbers of productions. He has taught elective courses on the use of music in worship, and, teamed with Dr. Ramey, a course in spirituality.

Dr. Davies's efforts in global ministry were recognized recently with the "Wings of Song Award" from Kingston College in Jamaica. He had served as director of the Jamaica School of Music before coming to Columbia and has maintained close

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Richard Gillespie '80 receives the Th.D. degree and celebrates with his four sons following commencement. He is the grandson of Richard T. Gillespie, who was president of the seminary when it was moved from Columbia, South Carolina, to Decatur, Georgia, in 1927.

Columbia grants degrees to 111 students

BEFORE RECEIVING DIPLOMAS from five degree programs, 111 graduates at Columbia's commencement May 21 were challenged to engage a fragmented society.

Melva Costen, Helmar Emil Nielsen Professor of Music and Worship at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, told graduates in the commencement address that they would need discipline and a sense of both duty and destiny to fulfill their vocations.

"There is a new look about this rite of passage," Dr. Costen told the audience at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. "Candidates are both male and female, from a variety of races, at home and in diaspora, having experienced various forms of struggle, oppression, as well as new forms of freedom and liberation. Our language has been updated, affirming the wholeness and inclusiveness of humanity, and broadening our understanding of the image of God."

In his baccalaureate sermon, "Ministry in Macedonia," Douglas W. Hix, professor emeritus and former director of advanced degrees, said that the vocation of ministry demands response to surprising occurrences, knowledge of local culture, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

Hix said, "You must outthink your contemporaries so you can show them how the simple gospel relates to the things they believe most deeply and most unconsciously."

Columbia trustee Howell Adams conferred degrees, assisted by Presi-

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Fondly remembered

Douglas W. Oldenburg, President

SOMEONE HAS SAID,

"In the life of every institution, there are individuals who will be remembered fondly because they embodied its spirit and were themselves molders of its unique character."

We usually think of retired faculty members and presidents in this regard, and remember them with great affection and gratitude for the indelible mark they made on our seminary.

As you can read on page one, we have retired two faculty members—Bob Ramey and Barry Davies—who have had a significant influence on the lives of many students and the seminary itself.

As important as the faculty is to any educational institution, there are many others working who help set the tone and character of an institution. Columbia Seminary is currently losing four members of its administrative staff who "will be remembered fondly because they embodied its spirit and were themselves molders of its unique character": Peggy Rowland, Elsie Urie, Ann Titshaw, and Betty Beatty (see page one). Each of them has made a distinctive contribution to Columbia through their many years of faithful service, and we will miss them dearly. Columbia will not be quite the same place without them. They helped make our seminary a community, a family, and a good place to work.

Because Peggy has been my administrative assistant since my arrival in early 1987, I want especially to share my personal and deep gratitude for the profound impact she has had on me and on the seminary. She has served as secretary and administrative assistant to the president for 19 years, and I have often told my predecessor, Davison Philips, that the best thing he did for me when I became president was to give me Peggy as my administrative assistant. What a joy to work with her! Her loving spirit, her institutional memory, her calm disposition in the midst of frantic busyness, her wise counsel, her super efficiency, her wonderful people skills, her deep commitment to Columbia, her warm friendship (the list could go on!), all prompt within me profound gratitude to God for the joy of knowing her and the privilege of working with her.

I agree with one of our graduates who called her the seminary's "director of glue and grease because (she has) been the one who held things together and reduced the friction for two presidents and the seminary as a whole. Without (her) inimitable people skills, the wheels would have long ago ground to a halt and fallen off."

Whatever positive contribution the president's office has made to Columbia Seminary over the past 19 years is largely due to Peggy Rowland. A poor secretary/administrative assistant can make you look worse than you are. Peggy has helped make both Davison and me look better than we are.

She is one of those who will long be fondly remembered at Columbia because she clearly "embodied (our) spirit," and helped "mold (our) unique character." Thank you, Peggy!

Professor Jack B. McMichael

Jack McMichael 1911-1995

JACK BRAME MCMICHAEL, professor emeritus of church administration and polity, died June 16, 1995, in Kerrville, Texas, where he had been living for the last several years in retirement.

Born May 10, 1911, Jack came to Columbia as a student in 1935, after graduating from East Texas State Teachers College in 1932 and working in community service. He graduated in 1938, married Frances Jackson of Decatur, and was ordained by Paris Presbytery where he was called as the presbytery executive and served until 1941. During the war years he served as pastor in Lafayette, Louisiana, and in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

In 1946, Jack returned to Georgia, serving as regional director of Christian education for the synod. In 1949 he was called to be regional director for the Synods of Oklahoma and Texas.

While serving as regional director Jack continued his education, earning the Ed.D. at Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1959, and he taught occasionally at Austin Seminary.

In 1963 Jack was called to Richmond to undertake the urgent task of producing the Covenant Life Curriculum, which had been in the process of development and had reached the crucial point of being ready for use in the church. His educational knowledge, experience, and administrative skills, together with his energy and determination, enabled him to untangle and bring order to an enormously complex undertaking.

With that task finished, Jack went to First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, West Virginia, as associate pastor and minister of education, where he became not only educator but also chief of staff. A heart condition made him realize he could no longer work at the pace he needed to, so he resigned and moved back to Decatur, where Frances' mother was ill and needed her.

Jack was quickly back at work part-time in 1968 as Columbia's visiting professor of Christian education. In 1971 he was appointed associate professor of Christian education and church administration; in 1973 he was elected professor of church administration and polity. His teaching was marked by a deep interest in students and their learning and by a concern that they go into the church prepared to lead, administer, and work according to the polity of the Presbyterian Church.

His administrative skills led to Jack filling several slots at Columbia. He was acting dean of students in 1970-71 and director of ministry development in 1973. In 1973 he was named dean of ministry development in charge of graduate and continuing education and supervised ministry.

Jack retired in 1976, but he continued to be active as a consultant in churches. In 1984 he moved back to Kerrville, Texas, where he taught, advised, and enjoyed Mo-Ranch. He was parish associate in First Presbyterian Church of Ingram, Texas, where his memorial service was held.

Jack McMichael was a churchman and an educator, and his influence was widespread. He was the author of studies including *The New Superintendent, The School of the Church, Congregations Without Deacons*, and on ministry in multi-staff settings. In 1972, he wrote of his work at Columbia:

"In the twentieth century ministers need—and are expected to have—both knowledge and skills in church administration. For many years the church has possessed great resources ... far more than she has channeled into mission. Many laypersons are trained in the ... skills of goal-setting, planning, decision-making, organizing, and controlling, but ministers should lead in the use of these functions in church administration. Then the church can harness her resources to her mission, beginning in the local congregation."

Through Jack's ministry, especially at Columbia, such leadership was prepared for the church.

C. Benton Kline, Jr.

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dent Douglas Oldenburg and Dean of Students Philip Gehman. One student was awarded the Doctor of Theology degree. Thirty received the Doctor of Ministry, four of whom received the diploma in a joint program from Columbia and the United Theological College of the West Indies.

Degrees also were awarded in the Master of Theology (23), Master of Divinity (52), and Master of Arts in Theological Studies (5) programs.

Of the M.Div. students, 19 received the degree with distinction (3.60 grade point average): Ellen Anderson, Chip Blankinship, Margie Boyd, Grace Boyer, Margaret Brinck, David Cagle, Beth Duttera, Keith Freeman, Robert Frost, Ingram Hedgpeth, Barbara Holmes, Stephen Kolmetz, Greg Lund, Beverly Ostrowski, Carol Seaman, Sherri Simpson, Timothy Slemmons, John Turnbull, and Fred Whitehurst.

Three earned the M.A.(T.S.) degree with distinction: Jiang Lian, John Knapp, and William Vickery.

Awards were also granted to master's degree students. Robert Frost earned the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Andrew Preaching Award, a cash award for the best sermon. John Knapp and John Turnbull received Columbia Graduate Fellowships for intellectual achievement. Knapp also received the Florrie Wilkes Sanders Prize in Theology for the best paper in Christian theology.

The Columbia Seminary Leadership Award was given to Carol Seaman. The award acknowledges the person that "demonstrated unusual leadership qualities at Columbia, as well as spiritual depth and integrity."

Vanessa Knight received the William Dudley Award for Evangelism, a cash award for commitment to evangelism and church growth.

Greg Lund received the Wilds Book Prize for the highest distinction in academic work. He also received the Abdullah Award for a paper outlining methods of teaching the Bible in public schools.

Ellen Anderson earned the Columbia Friendship Circle Graduate Fellowship for superior intellectual achievement.

Chip Blankinship, Margaret Brinck, and Beth Duttera received the James T. and Celeste M. Boyd Book Fund Award to build theological libraries. Steve Robertson was awarded the Ludwig Richard Max Dewitz Old Testament Exegesis Award, earning a copy of the Hebrew Old Testament and a cash award.

Timothy Slemmons was granted the Lyman and Myki Mobley Prize in Biblical Scholarship. Lucy Bowerman received the Emma Willard Boyce Memorial Award for "the best paper on the creative use of music in worship."

Barbara Holmes received the Harvard A. Anderson Fellowship as the graduate judged to have the greatest potential for future academic achievement.

John Turnbull '95

1995 Master of Divinity degree graduates and placements

Monnie Adams, clinical pastoral education, University of Virginia Hospitals, Charlottesville, VA
Ellen Anderson, graduate study, Columbia Seminary
Frank Blankinship, pastor, St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Altamonte Springs, FL
Margaret Boyd, associate pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, NC
Lucy Scofield Bowerman
Grace Boyer, campus ministry intern, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
David Bradley, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Covington, GA
Nathaniel Briley, youth director, Emory Presbyterian Church, and director, mailroom for the homeless, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA
Margaret Brinck, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Galion, OH
David Cagle, pastor, Rockville Presbyterian Church, Wadmalaw Island, SC
James Cazin, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, FL
Michael Chaney
Stephanie Davage
Rick Douylliez, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, St. Marys, GA
Elizabeth Duttera
SherylLynn Frazier
Keith Freeman, pastor, Amite-Arcola Presbyterian Church, Amite, LA
Robert Frost, pastor, Bryson City Presbyterian Church, Bryson City, NC
Leslie Glover, ministry intern, First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, TN
Bonnie Habbersett, pastor, Hanoverton and Bethesda Presbyterian Churches, Hanoverton, OH
Barbara Hamilton, pastor, Flat Rock Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC, and Varennes Presbyterian Church, Iva, SC
Halton Hankins
Ingram Hedgpeth
Douglas Hilliard, pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Covington, GA
Barbara Holmes, graduate study, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
David Hunt, pastor, Petersen Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC
Chin Kim, graduate study, Columbia Seminary
Deborah Kirk, associate pastor, Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA
Vanessa Knight, associate pastor, First African Presbyterian Church, Lithonia, GA**
Stephen Kolmetz, graduate study, Columbia Seminary
Berkeley Landrum, intern, Marshall Presbyterian Church, Marshall, NC
Benton Laughlin
Greg Limongi, pastor, Waterman Presbyterian Church, Waterman, IL
Greg Lund, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Dalton, GA
Beverly Ostrowski
David Palmer
Eleana Manuel Patterson
Thomas Pritchard
Joy Pruett
Stephen Ratliff, pastor, First Presbyterian Church and Pee Dee Presbyterian Church, Mt. Gilead, NC
Stephen Robertson, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Inverness, FL
Clifford Sandell, clinical pastoral education, Georgia Baptist Medical Center, Atlanta, GA
Carol Seaman, associate pastor, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, NY
Sherri Simpson
Timothy Slemmons, pastor, Central Presbyterian Church, Tarentum, PA
John Turnbull
Frances Waldron
Courtney Wall
Fred Whitehurst, director of spirituality, Hidden Lake Academy, Dahlonega, GA
Don Winborne, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Darien, GA
Alice Wood, pastor, Wiley Presbyterian Church, Wiley, GA
Scott Worth, assistant to the pastor, Memorial Presbyterian Church, West Palm Beach, FL

***Raised to the Church Trimphant*

Master of Arts (Theological Studies)

David Betts, Atlanta, GA
James Dungan, Minneapolis, MN
Lian Jiang, Nanjing, China
John Knapp, Decatur, GA
Joseph Vickery, Lawrenceville, GA

Doctor of Theology dissertation

Richard Gillespie, Decatur, GA "Estrangement from the Church as Normative in the Developmental Process of Becoming a Pastoral Counselor"

Doctor of Ministry dissertations

Thomas Blair, Stroudsburg, PA "Church School Worship: Faithful Ministry to Families with Young Children"
Benjamin Booth, Talladega, AL "Listening and Remembering: Christian Community in Residential Care for Children and Youth"
Renaldo Braham, Linstead, Jamaica "The Ministry of Healing in the Anglican Church in Jamaica"
Kenneth Broman-Fulks, Easley, SC "Pastoral Care to the Organ Transplant Recipient"
William Carpenter, Morton, PA "Equipping Church Leaders to Discern the Needs of Their Parish Community"
Richard Davis, Snellville, GA "A Theological Perspective on Ministry to Adults with Mild-to-Moderate Mental Retardation for the Georgia Baptist Convention"
James Dickens, Lawrenceville, GA "Revisioning the Office of Overseer Within the Church of God"
Dennis Draper, Jr., Kenansville, NC "A Theological Perspective Toward Alcoholism"
Raymond Dunmyer, Tuscaloosa, AL "Enhancing the College Search Peer Ministry Retreat"
Michael Fitze, Easley, SC "The Minister as Agent of Transformation in the Small Community"
Nelson Granade, North Wilkesboro, NC "Toward a Positive Use of Transference and Countertransference Within the Preaching Ministry"
Samuel Green, Portmore, Jamaica "Understanding the Church's Role in Community Development in New Town Settlements: A Case Study of Portmore, Jamaica"
Brenda Halbrooks, Tucker, GA "The Shelter at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church as a Faithful Response to the Biblical Mandate to Care for the Poor"
Russell Hickman, Eustis, FL "Empowering Active Older Adults for Ministry"
James Hughes, Jr., Nashville, TN "The Relationship of Theology and Play with Special Emphasis on the Contributions of Glenn Bannerman"
Pablo Jimenez, Decatur, GA "The Use of the Bible in Hispanic Theology"
Young Han Lee, Jonesboro, GA "The Matter of the Past Awakenings in America and Future Awakening; Renewed Preacher and Renewed Preaching"
Renford Maddix, Kingston, Jamaica "The Role of the Chaplaincy of the Correctional Services in the Rehabilitation Process: A Jamaican Perspective"
John McCall, Black Mountain, NC "The Church as the New Creation"
Edmond Melvin, Halifax, VA "Forgiveness from the Biblical Perspective and an Examination of Factors That Enable and Inhibit Forgiveness in Everyday Life"
Danny Murphy, Winnsboro, SC "Training Lay Shepherds for H.O.M.E. Growth Groups"
William Phares, Lanett, AL "Developing Young Adult Leaders for the Church Through Small Discipleship Groups"
Johnny C. Reynolds, Atlanta, GA "Rebuilding an Urban African American Congregation"
Keith Riddle, New Bern, NC "Confronting Grief in the Contemporary Church"
John Schmidt, Warminster, PA "Church Growth and Worship at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church"
James Shelton, Waxhaw, NC "Involving a Preshytery in Its Pastors' Growth and Continuing Education"
Richard Shinkle, Andalusia, AL "Discernment: Searching for God's Will in a Congregation"
Lynn Shurley, Paducah, KY "'Sing to the Lord a New Song': A Study of the Psalms–Their Historical and Contemporary Role in Corporate Worship"
Norma Smellie, Kingston, Jamaica "Towards a Congregational-Based Model of Theological Education and Ministerial Formation"
Ernest Thompson, Charlotte, NC "Understanding Salvation Today: Contemporary Reformed Perspectives"

Th.M. theses

Richard Atkerson, Decatur, GA*
Sungkon Bak, Toronto, Canada "A Study of the Growth of the Protestant Church in Korea"
Sungshik Chang, Seoul, Korea*
Rita Cochrane, Baton Rouge, LA "The Art of Evil: A Way of Remembering"
Istvan Czachesz, Budapest, Hungary "The Prophetic Biography in the Book of Acts"
Larry Golemon, Minneapolis, MN "A Youth Guide to the Presbyterian Faith"
Peter Gorday, Atlanta, GA "Empathic Knowing and Mystical Knowing: The

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Continuing Education and Lay Institute Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call or write: Rebecca S. Parker, Director of Continuing Education, or Richard S. Dietrich, Director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031/404-378-8821.

September 19, October 16, November 20, December 18 FAITH AND FILM See article on page 5.

September 21, 28, October 5, 12 MORNING LAY SCHOOL: CHANGES IN CHRISTIAN THINKING A study of four "watersheds" in the history of Christian thought from the early church to the Reformation. Leader: C. Benton Kline. Cost: $25.

September 21-23 WRITING FOR PUBLICATION This intensive workshop will offer experienced and aspiring writers the chance to explore the "nuts and bolts" of getting published. Leader: Roland Tapp. Cost: $75.

September 24-29 SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT WEEK This week offers a time for spiritual reflection and growth. Leader: Ben Johnson. Cost: $175.

October 13 CERTIFICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL. See article on this page.

October 20-November 15 EXHIBITION: THE MISERERE SERIES BY GEORGES ROUALT See article on this page.

October 23, 30, November 6, 13 EVENING LAY SCHOOL: RABBINIC INSIGHTS INTO SCRIPTURE An exploration of the ingenious responses of the earliest rabbis to Hebrew Scripture. Leader: Rabbi Scott Saulson. Cost: $40.

October 25 ANGELS IN AMERICA An exploration of the spiritual, social, and cultural issues addressed in Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Angels in America*. Leaders: Sandra Deer and Harry Pritchett. Cost: $12.

October 29-November 3 IMMERSION WEEK FOR CERTIFICATE IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION See article on this page.

November 13 CREATING A CARING CONGREGATION A panel of leaders in the mental health community will address issues of care for mentally ill persons and issues related to the congregation. Cost: $35.

November 17-18 GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE See article on this page.

November 30 ROUND TABLE PULPIT This workshop will focus on preaching as conversation between the pastor and the congreation. Leader: John McClure. Cost: $35.

January 8-11, 1996 COLLOQUIUM '96 Lecturer: Thomas G. Long, Francis Landey Patton Professor of Preaching and Worship at Princeton Theological Seminary. Preacher: Mary Donovan Turner, assistant professor of homiletics at Pacific School of Religion. See the next issue of *Vantage* for more information on Colloquium '96, and see the article on this page for more information about the Colloquium workshops.

Columbia hosts Roualt exhibition

IN GEORGE ROUALT, Edward Knippers writes, "we find a steadfastness of vision that gives us an unblinking look at misery and, yet also, the quiet joys of this world."

Columbia will host an exhibition of prints from the French painter's "Miserere" series, in which he brings together a life's meditation on the poor and oppressed, the victims of war, and the way these people have become part of the passion of Christ. The prints come from the collection of Robert and Sandra Bowden, through arrangement with Christians in the Visual Arts. The exhibition, which will run from October 20 to November 15, is sponsored by the Lay Institute.

Lectures and tours of the exhibition are also planned. For more information, call the Lay Institute. □

Courses for administrators scheduled

EACH YEAR COLUMBIA offers courses designed to help administrative personnel meet requirements for certification. These courses follow the approved list created by the Administrative Personnel Association (APA) of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

On October 13, Will Coleman, assistant professor of theology and hermeneutics, will teach a five-hour course on Reformed theology. A two-hour course, "Communications: The Ministry of the Church Office" will be taught by Marian Hina Stuart, the certification chair for the Mid-South Region of APA.

The seminars will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on campus. These courses are of interest to church secretaries and are also open to church administrators, business managers, and judicatory personnel. Cost is $35; meals are not included. For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education. □

Global Mission Conference set

THIS YEAR'S GLOBAL Mission Training Conference includes something for everybody: Mission Advocate Training; a special track for youth and their leaders; and workshops galore. The conference, co-sponsored by Columbia Seminary, the Synod of South Atlantic, and the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, will be held November 17-18 at the Calvin Conference Center in Hampton, Georgia.

Conference workshops include "Louisville and You: What the Denomination Is Doing and How You Can Help"; "The Church in Europe" with a focus on Hungary and Eastern Europe; "Resources," which will show this year's offerings from Friendship Press; and "Unusual Opportunities: Doing Foreign Missions in Your Own Back Yard." Other courses are "European Partners: Doing 'Mutual Mission' with European Churches" and "Africa," as the 'Year With Africa' continues in the PC(USA).

The Youth Track will run all day Saturday, providing an opportunity for youth and youth leaders to learn how to organize a mission trip.

Leadership for the conference includes Fahed Abu-Akel of First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta; Anna Brown, director of Christian Education at North Decatur Presbyterian Church; Patricia Lloyd-Sidle, coordinator for Global Awareness and Involvement, PC(USA); former General Assembly moderator, Clinton Marsh; and Sandra Soren, coordinator of Mission Interpretation and Promotion, PC(USA).

For more information, contact the Lay Institute at 404/687-4577. □

Spiritual formation program offered

BEGINNING THIS FALL Columbia will offer a certificate in spiritual formation. The three-year program will teach the history of spirituality, the practice of spiritual disciplines, and skills for assisting groups and individuals with their spiritual journeys.

The certificate program is comprised of four components: an immersion week on campus for spiritual reflection and guidance, electives, a practicum, and a pilgrimage to Jerusalem that concludes the program. The program will be offered in the fall, winter, and summer terms. The fall immersion week is October 29-November 3, and the spring immersion week is scheduled for February 11-16, 1996.

Ben Johnson, professor of spirituality, will develop this emphasis. For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education. □

Seminars planned for Colloquium '96

COLUMBIA'S COLLOQUIUM '96 will offer rich opportunities for learning through seminars led by challenging and thoughtful leaders. Following a series of lectures and sermons on January 8 and 9, these seminars will be held January 9-11:

Donna Schaper, author of *Calmly Plotting the Resurrection: Lenten Reflections for Individuals and Groups*, will lead a seminar of the same title. The workshop will look at the theme of the resurrection and what it means for persons of faith.

The regularly offered preaching course will focus on the lectionary texts for the Lent and Easter seasons. Mary Donovan Turner, Colloquium preacher and assistant professor of homiletics at Pacific School of Religion, will teach "Preaching the Lent-Easter Cycle."

Brian Childs, professor of pastoral theology and counseling, will offer a seminar on "Short-Term Pastoral Counseling" to assist pastors in evaluating client needs.

Will Coleman, assistant professor of theology and hermeneutics, will lead "Signs of the Times." He will use the series of the same title to examine our culture and effective ways for the church to address our context.

The fifth seminar, "Mastering the Storms: Catalyst to a Healthy Ministry," will address issues of leadership in ministry and will be taught by Mark Bryan, Ph.D. in Old Testament and minister at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in Statham, Georgia.

Kathleen O'Connor, professor of Old Testament, will offer a seminar, "Women in the Bible," which will look at Old Testament women and their surprising stories.

For more information or to register, contact the Office of Continuing Education. □

Lay Institute has on-going courses

THE LAY INSTITUTE offers on-going opportunities to study the interaction of faith and culture.

Theology and Literature teaches lay people to read literature theologically. This group focuses on works of twentieth-century fiction, including works by Nathanael West, Chinua Achebe, and Maya Angelou. Discussion raises questions about the presence of God in the worlds writers create and what their books say about how we meet and understand God.

Faith and Film recognizes that filmmakers want to change the way viewers look at the world. Studying films such as *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Pulp Fiction*, and *The Piano*, this group learns to watch films intelligently and faithfully, asking questions about how they portray God and God's world.

Theology and Literature meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. *Faith and Film* meets the third Tuesday of each month. Both groups meet on the Columbia campus.

New students are welcome at any time. For more information, contact the Lay Institute.

Thanks for the memories!

THE JOHN BULOW Campbell Library thanks all who responded to its plea for gift copies of congregational histories. Since that request, the library has received histories from 28 Presbyterian congregations, bringing the number of local church histories in its circulating collection to 125.

Gift histories arrived from as far north as Pennsylvania and Illinois, as far west as Missouri and Texas, and as far south as the Gulf Coast. The volumes reflect the diversity of Presbyterian life. These gifts increase the worth of an already strong collection of primary source information on American Presbyterian congregational history.

The library is always happy to receive copies of newly published—or newly found—congregational histories. Please contact library director Tim Browning or associate director Clayton Hulet to make a donation. They welcome your congregation's story in the John Bulow Campbell Library collection and ensure its printed memories will always have a place at Columbia.

Mother and daughters attended the continuing education class, "Images of God," in July. They are (front row): Mary M. Scott, mother of Holly Scott Tickle '90, (back row) Christy S. Howard, Mary Kay Scott '97, and mother-in-law of Julie J. Scott. Mary Scott is married to Charlie Scott '69.

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Place Where Pastoral Counseling and Religious Experience Meet"
Zoe Anne Henderson Cagle, Wadmalaw Island, SC "Much More Than Hocus Pocus: Magic in Hellenistic Judaism"
Gyeong Mok Kim, Seoul, Korea*
Young Seo Kim, Masan, Korea*
Timothy Leslie, Montgomery, AL "The Use of *Metanoe* in the Gospel of Luke"
Larry McQueen, Cleveland, TN "Joel, the Spirit, and Pentecostalism: A Hermeneutical Dialogue"
James Njue, Nairobi, Kenya "Meaning of Salvation in the Church in Kenya Today"
Scott Opsahl, Dover, NJ*
Joon Girl Park, Seoul, Korea "A Mission Strategy for North Korea"
Gregory Perry, Decatur, GA "'No Other Name'—Luke's Recentralization of the Cult of Israel"
Frances Ruthven, Stockbridge, MA*
Timothy Simpson, Rock Island, IL*
Ersebet Szilvassy, Szekszard, Hungary*
Sharon Taylor, "Tracing World View and Ethos Changes Through Twentieth-Century Presbyterian Periodicals"
Dorinda Trouteaud, Stone Mountain, GA*
Jiade Wu, Beijing, China "The Church and Chinese Immigrants in the United States"
Young Su Yu, Seoul, Korea "Suffering Across Cultures"

**Research course option rather than thesis*

Construction begins on the $6.4 million renovation and addition to Columbia's library.

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contact with international students while at the seminary.

"I worked as a professional in theater for more than 15 years and Barry is a professional musician who uses his talent in the church," said Andy Walton '92, pastor of Forsyth, Georgia, Presbyterian Church.

At the same time that Dr. Davies arrived to begin his studies in 1979, Elsie Urie changed positions from secretary in the pastoral care office to registrar in academic affairs. The school, with a small student body, had never employed a registrar; but today, with 640 students in master's and doctoral programs, the job has become quite sophisticated.

Mrs. Urie has served under four academic deans and maintained student records on three computer systems. In addition to preparing statistical reports for the Association of Theological Schools, keeping minutes of faculty meetings, and overseeing registration, Mrs. Urie insures that a flask of lemon drops on her desk stays full. She has been the one person that every student comes to meet.

Glenn Bucher, former vice president and dean of faculty at Columbia and now president of the Graduate Theological Union, said, "She was the chaplain of the seminary and knew more than she ever said. Having been a mother and grandmother as many times as she was, she knew a lot about the human condition."

She retires September 13 to West End, North Carolina, with her husband, Dr. Robert Urie, who has directed the Career Development Center of the Southeast in Decatur.

Ann Titshaw, staff associate in pastoral care, retires in November after 21 years of seminary employment. She has worked with Jasper Keith, professor of pastoral care and counseling, since 1969. With him, she helped set up the school's supervised ministry program upon arriving in 1974 and also helped direct placements in clinical pastoral education.

Her service eventually extended beyond pastoral care to other professors on the third floor of Campbell Hall, however. She typed Shirley Guthrie's book, *Christian Doctrine*, and has typed several Doctor of Ministry dissertations. At her home she hosts a Christmas luncheon for female staff and faculty and brings others to the family houseboat on Lake Lanier.

"She has an uncanny ability to inform the pastoral care department about who is in need and to whom we should be attentive. You can count on her keeping a confidence. She's been a good minister," said Professor Keith.

In retirement, she will continue genealogical research and a passion for boating.

Although she has served 19 years as administrative assistant to two Columbia presidents, Peggy Rowland never guessed that her stay would last this long. As secretary to J. Davison Philips at Decatur Presbyterian Church, she came to the seminary when he was named president in 1976. (See the president's article on page 2.)

Some asked if she would leave when Phillips retired in 1986, but she has remained to work with Douglas Oldenburg and to serve as assistant secretary for the Board of Trustees. She retires October 15.

Highlights of her tenure have been watching the number of female students increase and, last year, traveling to China with Dr. Oldenburg and other faculty members.

Former students calling the school already have become aware of Betty Beatty's absence. For 23 years she was the voice of the seminary.

"She always had a smile for everyone who came in," said Sidney Anderson, professor emeritus and former vice president of business affairs. He hired Mrs. Beatty in 1972.

She provided information about the school to newcomers and learned the names of students. She took messages for faculty and staff as part of a job she regarded as a ministry.

John Turnbull '95

For the Record

If you have recent news you would like to contribute to this section, please send it to the editor.

Several alums received honorary degrees this year: **Robert Wilkes '70**, the D.D. at Presbyterian College; **Thomas Reeves '63**, the L.H.D. at Hastings College; and **Calvin Thielman '55**, the D.D. at Montreat-Anderson College.....**Nibs Stroupe '75** is pastor of Oakhurst church, Decatur, GA, which has been featured in *Time* magazine and on national television news. Church membership today is 200, about half black, half white. Mr. Stroupe has written, with Inez Fleming, *While We Run This Race: Countering the Power of Racism*, which describes the church's story.....**William Brownson '52** and **Robert Henderson '54** taught the course in evangelism at Western Theological Seminary during the last winter semester there.....**Joon Girl Park** (ThM '95) is pastor of the Bethany church, Dallas.....**Rita Cochrane '93** (ThM '94) is pastor of the Highland church in Baton Rouge, LA.....**Susan Newton '92** is pastor of the Unity church, Spartanburg, SC.....**Robert Ramey**, professor emeritus, has preached at First church, Columbus, GA; Bethany church, Covington, GA; and North Avenue church, Atlanta. His book, *Growing Church Leaders*, has been published.....**Ronald Cram**, associate professor of Christian education, has begun his sabbatical, during which he will be seeking certification to teach ages three through six at the Montessori Institute of Atlanta. His article, "Childhood, Play, and Paradox," has been accepted by *Religious Education*. He has spoken to the teachers of the St. Luke's church on "The Spiritual Lives of Children."

Sarah Speed McTyre '88, formerly assistant dean to the faculty, is co-pastor of Faith United Church in Oswego, NY.....**Fahed Abu Akel '74**, executive director of Atlanta Ministry with International Students, was honored by the National Conference as a spiritual leader who has built bridges of respect and understanding among people of differing beliefs and backgrounds.....**John Patton**, professor of pastoral theology, gave the Mackay Memorial Lectures at Taiwan Theological Seminary and lectured in four Christian hospitals in various cities in Taiwan.....**Philip Rader** (DMin '93) is coordinator for the Coalition for Appalachian Ministry.....**Kenneth Kasan '93** is associate pastor of the Tims Memorial church, Lutz, FL..... **James Dungan** (MATS '95) is administrative director for the re-election campaign of Paul Wellstone of Minnesota to the U.S. Senate.....**Ann Kelly '92** is associate pastor of First church, Tupelo, MS.....**Chuck Roberts '83** (ThM '93) is pastor of First church, Pascagoula, MS.....**Jeffrey Hale '77** is youth director of Manassas St. Thomas United Methodist Church, Manassas, VA.....**Wade Huie '46**, professor emeritus, led Doctor of Ministry supervised ministry in preaching at United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica in May and June. He has preached at Church of the New Covenant, Doraville, GA: Bellaire Community Church, Augusta, GA; Central church, Athens; and Reid Memorial church, Augusta.

Joe Rightmyer '72 is director of Presbyterians for Renewal.....**Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi**, instructor in world Christianity, gave the convocation lectures at the Institute of Theology of Princeton Seminary on "North America as a Field of Mission: The Challenge of Multiculturalism." His article, "Drum Beats of Resistance and Liberation: Afro-Caribbean Religions, the Struggle for Life, and the Christian Theologian," has been published in *Journal of Latino/Hispanic Theology*. A series of his Bible studies, *The Church: Table Fellowship*, has been published in Spanish by the Christian Church in Puerto Rico.....**Joon Won Lee '94** is associate pastor designate at the Onnuri church in Seattle.....**Laura Adams-Dunham '94** is pastor of St. Andrews church, Macon, GA.....**Ron Stone '82**, pastor of the Graham Memorial church in Forrest City, AR, received the D.Min. degree from Memphis Theological Seminary. His article, "Ministry to Grieving Children," was published in the Memphis Seminary journal.....**Edward Chambers** (DMin '88) is pastor of the Nicholtown church, Greenville, SC.....**Dean Brown '93** is associate pastor of First church, Johnson City, TN.....**David Moessner**, professor of New Testament, led the Luke-Acts Seminar at the International Society for New Testament Studies in Prague, Czech Republic.....**Walter Dinkins '88** assisted with humanitarian operations for Haitian refugees while serving as chaplain with the U.S. Marines for Operation Sea Signal. He is command chaplain of USS Holland in the western Pacific.

Tom Watkins '94 is associate pastor, White Memorial church, Raleigh, NC.....Several alums were married recently: **Zoe Anne Henderson '94** (ThM '95) and **David Cagle '95**, June 3 in Southern Pines, NC; **Norman Harris '94** and Gwendolyn Cole, June 17 in Camden, AL; **John Turnbull '95** and Keri Tope, May 20 in Atlanta; **Bobby Fisher '94** and Erin Murray, July 29 in Darien, CT; **Erzsébet Szilvássy** (ThM '95) and Levente Szabó, June 17 in Szekszárd, Hungary; **Sue Dobbs '89** and Wade Key, July 7 in Black Mountain, NC.....**Ann Clay Adams**, director of admissions, was elected moderator of the Caribbean and North American Area Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. She served on the design team for the study session for the new peacemaking Bible study, "The Common Good in Christ: Peacemaking in Ephesians."....**Walter Peters '78**, pastor of the Tims Memorial church in Lutz, FL, has received a grant from the Louisville Institute for the Study of American Protestantism for a research project during a sabbatical leave this fall.....**Laura Aull '90** is stated supply of First church, Rossville, IL.....**Allison Moody '92** is pastor of the Trinity church, Columbia, SC.....**Ernest Mellor '55** was honorably retired by Memphis Presbytery in March.....**Phil Gehman '68**, vice president for student life and dean of students, was co-director of weeks two and three of the '95 Montreat Youth Conferences.....**Paul Lang '93** is pastor of the Peace church, Greenville, NC.

Walter Brueggemann, professor of Old Testament, preached at Westminster Abbey, London, on August 6, the fiftieth anniversary of Hiroshima. *The Harvard Theological Review* has run a review article on his treatment of "Creation" in Old Testament Theology.....**Bryant Harris '86** (DMin '92) is pastor of the Mars Hill church, Acworth, GA.....**James Hudnut-Beumler**, executive vice president and dean of faculty, addressed the ecumenical Stewardship University in Des Moines in July on "Faith and Money: Matters of the Heart." He also contributed a feature article on "Religion in the Suburbs" to the Encyclopedia of Cities and Suburbs.....**Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner**, adjunct assistant professor of practical theology, gave a talk on "Care of Women" at the University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, and at the West Point, GA, church. She gave a paper on Friedrich Schleiermacher at the International Academy of Practical Theology in Berne, Switzerland. At the Society for Pastoral Theology in Chicago, she met with the 16 collaborators of the forthcoming pastoral care text, *Through the Eyes of Women: Insights for Pastoral Care*.....**Will Coleman '85**, assistant professor of theology and hermeneutics, taught a two-week course on "Reading the Signs of the Times" at the Iliff School of Theology.....**William O'Neal '54** was honorably retired from First church, Longview, TX, and named pastor emeritus.

C. Benton Kline, president emeritus and visiting professor, has preached at Circle of Grace, Decatur, GA, and at the Clairmont church, Decatur. He spoke to the San Antonio (TX) Presbyterian Ministers on "Calvin for Today," and his article on Paul Tillich is published in the *Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching*. Dr. Kline has taught "Theology of Work" at the University church, San Antonio, TX; "Distinctives of Reformed Theology" for mission presbytery officer training, Kerrville, TX; "Reformed Theology" at the Christian Education Conference in Montreat, NC; and "God's Will and Our Will" at the Lake City, SC, church.....**Rebecca Parker**, director of continuing education, participated in the Colleague Program for new directors of continuing education, sponsored by the Luce Foundation in

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BIRTHS

To Ian '89 and Caroline Stake, a son, Chandler Lewis, Apr. 27, 1995.
To Jon '91 and Kim Wallace, a daughter, Taylor Rebekah, July 23, 1995.
To Mark '92 and Becky Ardell Downs '93, a daughter, Elizabeth Ardell, July 12, 1995.
To Sam '92 and Kathryn McGregor, a daughter, Rebecca Evans, Apr. 8, 1995.
To Beth Shannon-Faulk '92 and Clay Faulk '94, a son Daniel Clayton, Apr. 19, 1995.
To Scott '94 and Barb Anderson, a daughter, Claire, June 1, 1995.
To Bob '94 and Deborah Googe, a daughter, Katie Michele, Apr. 23, 1995.
To Martin '94 and Nancy Lifer, a daughter, Faith Belle, June 4, 1995.
To Steve '94 and Barbara Mann, a daughter, Margaret Lesley, Apr. 3, 1995.
To Young Seo (ThM '95) and Esther Kim, a daughter, Rebecca, May 11, 1995.
To Insick '96 and Young Jang, a daughter, Hannah, May 25, 1995.
To John '98 and Bette Cole, a daughter, Jessie Grace, Aug. 15, 1995.

DEATHS

Clyde Plexico '30, Jan. 13, 1995.
Eugene Lewis Daniel '36, Apr. 25, 1995.
Littlejohn Hamilton '36, Aug. 6, 1995.
Jack McMichael '38. See article on page 2.
William Hume '43, date unknown.
Edward Overcash '44, Feb. 18, 1995.
Samuel Christopher '53, Aug. 26, 1995.
John Hare '62, June 24, 1995.
Vanessa Knight '95, July 26, 1995.

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New York. She was keynote speaker for First church's PW, Atlanta.....**Keith Riddle '91** (DMin '95) is pastor of First church, New Bern, NC.....**Paul Smith '57** has completed 27 years as associate professor of philosophy and religion at Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary.....**Christina Hindley '94** is associate pastor at First church, Cranbury, NJ.....**Steve Bryant '90** is pastor of First church, Vicksburg, MS..... **Dwyn Mounger '31** has taken part in the dedication of another building at the Diamondhead Community church in Bay St. Louis, MS. He began the work there and helped with two building programs.....**Kris Allison '89** is a member of the Young Life staff at Windy Gap, Weaverville, NC.

Tom Stallworth '58 was on the front cover and the subject of a feature article in the summer '95 *Presbyterian College Magazine*. He has retired after 36 years as professor, administrator, and soccer coach. He was most recently dean of alumni affairs..... **Laura Rains '88** (DMin '93) led worship with the 150 international students of an "Up with People" group at the Dachau concentration camp in June... **John Herndon '85**, pastor of the Fellowship church in Huntsville, AL, has been chosen as a participant in the 1995-96 Leadership Alabama program. At last year's national convention, the NAACP named his family the Family of the Year.....**Will Ormond '43**, professor emeritus, preached at First church, Pascagoula, MS.....**Norman Hibbard '82** is interim pastor at the Fondren church, Jackson, MS.....**Shawn Barkley '91** is pastor of the Versailles, KY, church.....**Janet James '94** is associate pastor of Second church, Richmond, VA.

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Bridges Scholarship announced

Columbia announces a new scholarship, the Henry P. Bridges Ministers' Trust, which will pay tuition and all expenses for Presbyterian students from specific geographical areas preparing for ministry.

The trust has been awarding scholarships since 1957 but is available for the first time to Columbia students this year. The deadline for applications is April 30.

Students from the East Tennessee, Holston, and Western North Carolina presbyteries are eligible, as are students from the Baltimore, National Capital, and New Castle presbyteries. Scholarship money will be awarded based on academic achievement, leadership ability, church involvement, and financial need.

This year's recipients are Jonathan Freeman from the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, and Pamela Leach from the Gaithersburg, Maryland, Presbyterian Church.

Henry P. Bridges established the trust fund in 1952, five years before his death, as part of his commitment to the Presbyterian Church in Hancock, Maryland. David Bridges, grandson of Mr. Bridges, served in Columbia's development office during the last academic year.

Professor Shirley Guthrie

'Christian Doctrine' revised

WESTMINSTER/JOHN KNOX Press has published the second edition of Shirley C. Guthrie's *Christian Doctrine*, a revision of the volume first published in 1968 that has been used extensively in colleges, seminaries, and churches.

"You could make a case that *Christian Doctrine* has been the most influential volume in the Presbyterian Church this century," said George W. Stroup, professor of theology at Columbia. "Shirley's book has made a greater contribution to the theological education of adults than any other book I can think of."

Guthrie, J.B. Green Professor of Systematic Theology, has rewritten *Christian Doctrine* using inclusive language and incorporating the contributions of feminist and liberation theologians. The structure of the book, however, remains the same, following the order of the Apostles' Creed and addressing questions such as "What are we doing here?" (in regard to the doctrine of creation) and "What does God want with us?" (in a chapter on predestination).

In a new preface, Guthrie writes "Every theology is at best a limited, fallible, provisional attempt to speak of the living God of Scripture whose truth, justice, and compassion are beyond the very highest and best we can imagine. But I hope the changes I have made in this revised edition will make it for a few more years a theology that is a helpful witness to this living God."

"The genius of the book," Stroup said, "is that it takes a sophisticated theology and presents it in language most people can understand."

Christian Doctrine is used in theology courses in many seminaries throughout the country. It is also widely used in churches for Christian education and officer training. Countless Presbyterian seminary students have used the book to prepare for ordination examinations.

"It has been a central text in the education of a generation of Presbyterian ministers," said Douglas Ottati, professor of theology and ethics at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. "I can't think of a theology book more influential on graduates of Presbyterian seminaries."

"It's a helpful tool for interpreting our confessional tradition," said D. Cameron Murchison, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg, Virginia. "The language is direct, straightforward, and makes the theological forms and categories accessible."

Shirley Guthrie has been teaching theology at Columbia for 38 years and continues to teach second year students the required theology course in the Master of Divinity program. He holds degrees from Austin College, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the University of Basel in Switzerland.

Copies of Professor Guthrie's book may be purchased from Columbia's bookstore.

Remington is seminary musician

PORTER REMINGTON, DIRECTOR of music and organist at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, started work July 31 as seminary musician.

In addition to serving at Druid Hills since 1976, Remington since 1980 has been the conductor of the Atlanta Bach Choir, of which she is also the founder. For the past two years she has worked on the faculty of the Montreat Conference for Music and Worship.

Remington received her bachelor of music from Oberlin College in Ohio and a master of music from Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. After four years as organist at First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich, Connecticut, she served as organ instructor at Emory University from 1973 until 1979.

She is secretary of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and a past dean of the Atlanta chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

At Columbia, Remington will serve as organist at daily worship services in the seminary chapel and serve as student choir director.

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